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CC Docket No. 96-45 Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support – ICLS **Annual Certification Filing**

This is to certify that Rural Telephone Service Co., Inc. will use its Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support – ICLS only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for the study area listed below.

| Company Name | State | Study Area Code |
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| Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. | KS | 411826 |

Signed,

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